

Mr. President, this bill; significantly increases States' role in oversight, inspection, and investigation of pipelines; improves and expands the public's right to know about pipeline hazards; dramatically increases civil penalties for safety and reporting violations from \$25,000 to \$500,000, and increases the maximum civil penalty for a related series of violations to \$1 million; increases reporting requirements of releases of hazardous liquids from 50 barrels to five gallons; provides important whistle blower protections prohibiting discrimination by pipeline operators, contractors or subcontractors; furthermore, the legislation would provide much needed funding for research and development in pipeline safety technologies. In fact, technology currently exists that might have detected weaknesses in pipelines around Carlsbad. Unfortunately, due to insufficient funding for their products to reach the market; La Sen Corporation in my own State of New Mexico has developed technology that can detect faulty pipelines where current pipeline inspection technology is not useable. La Sen's Electronic Mapping system can be very effective even in pipelines where conventional pig devices cannot be used; pipeline inspection is costly and slow. Innovative new technologies could allow us to inspect all 2.2 million miles of pipeline each year in a cost effective manner. Today, pipeline inspection technology only covers 5-10 miles per day at a cost of \$50 per mile. Again, La Sen's technology can survey 500 miles per day at a cost of \$32 per mile; ensuring the safety and integrity of our nation's pipelines is important to all of us.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL MARJORIE A. JACKSON

• Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, it is a privilege to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Colonel Marjorie A. Jackson, United States Army Medical Service Corps, on her retirement after 26 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the nation.

Colonel Jackson is a native of Louisiana. She graduated from Walter L. Cohen High School in New Orleans, earned her bachelor's degree from Xavier University and earned her M.A. in Executive Development from Ball State University. In 1974, she enlisted in the Army as a Pharmacy Technician serving in Fort McPherson, Georgia. In 1975, she was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and went on to serve in a variety of key operational and staff positions including Assistant Inspector General, U.S. Army Health Services Command and Clinical Pharmacist, Hematology/Oncology Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. The culmination of Colonel Jackson's career was assignment as Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Colonel Jackson has been at the forefront of military medicine, completing a one-year residency in Hematology-Oncology Pharmacy at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and a one-year assignment as a Pharmacy Consultant to the 18th Medical Command in Seoul, South Korea. She has been honored with the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the Order of Military Medical Merit by the Army and was selected as the College of Pharmacy Alumnus of the Year in 1996 by Xavier University for her achievements in the field.

Colonel Jackson has been a ground breaker her entire career. She was the first woman to serve as Chief of Staff, Administrative Services at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, the first African-American woman promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps, the first African-American female pharmacist in the history of the U.S. Army Pharmacy Service and the first woman to direct an Army major medical center pharmacy.

For twenty-six years, seven months and eighteen days, Colonel Jackson has served her country on the forefront of military medical care. Her exemplary military career is ending, but her contributions and achievements will continue to be felt throughout the Army and the Department of Defense.

Colonel Marjorie A. Jackson served her country with great ability, valor, loyalty and integrity. On the occasion of her retirement from the United States Army, I commend her for her outstanding service. She is one of Louisiana's finest, represents all that is special about our nation, and I wish her well in the years ahead.●

IN HONOR OF DR. MICHAEL MULLIN, PHD AND DR. MIA JEAN TEGNER, PHD.

• Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize and honor two exceptional research scientists from one of the world's finest oceanographic research facilities who lost their lives in recent weeks. Both were two of the brightest stars at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, in La Jolla, California.

Michael Mullin, a research biologist at Scripps, and undergraduate professor at the University of California, San Diego, died December 19th of complications following surgery. He was 63 years old.

His research over the past 36 years at Scripps has included the study of phytoplankton, zooplankton and larval fish in the marine food web.

He was the author of more than 70 scientific publications, including his own book "Webs and Scales." He also served as chief editor of the scientific journal "Fisheries Oceanography."

Dr. Mullin's personal sense of the social and moral obligations of science made him a true leader in undergraduate programs at UCSD and at

Scripps Institution of Oceanography. He was as committed to the education of young students as he was to the practice of science and he will be greatly missed.

Mia Jean Tegner, a research marine biologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography since 1969, died Sunday, January 7th in a scuba diving accident off the San Diego coast. She was 53 years old.

An experienced scuba diver, Dr. Tegner made more than 4,000 dives throughout the world during her 31 years at Scripps. Her research focused on the ecology of kelp forest communities and near shore marine resources. Her most recent research included studies of the effects of El Nino and La Nina events on the coastal ecosystem.

Also socially active and committed to the marine environment, Mia Tegner helped to guide the City of San Diego in developing public policy based on science as it related to ocean pollution. Her work led the way in focusing the nation's attention to the true impacts of human development on the health of our marine environment.

As we take the time to honor the work of Dr. Michael Mullin and Dr. Mia Tegner we must also reflect on their commitment to providing us with a better understanding of our world and our relationship with it.

I am pleased to recognize and salute these great scientists as two of our nation's outstanding citizens and noble public servants.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE RECEIVED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-355. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Unfinished Work of Building One America"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-356. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning visas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-357. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report related to the Colorado River System Reservoirs for calendar year 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-358. A communication from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to trade and employment effects of the Andean Trade Preference Act for the calendar year 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-359. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to Russian non-strategic nuclear weapons; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-360. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the National Security Strategy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-361. A communication from the Administrator of the Loan Servicing and Property Management Division, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loans to Indian Tribes and Tribal Corporations" (RIN0560-AF43) received on January 4, 2001; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-362. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report related to Mevinphos; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-363. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report related to Phostebupirim; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-364. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report related to Profenofos; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-365. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report related to Propetamphos; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-366. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report related to Coumaphos; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-367. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, a report related to Pesticide Registration Notice 2000-10; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-368. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Nondiscretionary Funding Modifications of P. L. 106-224" (RIN0584-AC93) received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-369. A communication from the Acting Executive Director of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Time to File Annual Reports for Commodity Pools" received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-370. A communication from the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Forest System Land and Resource Management Planning; Review of Decisions to Amend or Revise Plans" received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-371. A communication from the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administration of the Forest Development Transportation System; Prohibitions; Use of Motor Vehicles Off Forest Service Roads" (RIN0596-AB67) received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-372. A communication from the Administrator of the Price Support Division, Farm Service Agency, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Farm Storage Facility Loan Program" (RIN0560-AG00) received on January 16, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-373. A communication from the Associate Chief for Natural Resources, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Areas; Roadless Area Conservation" (RIN0596-AB77) received on January 16, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-374. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "West Indian Fruit Fly" (Docket No. 00-110-1) received on January 17, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-375. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR Part 1773, Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers; Management Letter" (RIN0572-AB66) received on January 17, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-376. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR Part 1773, Policy on Audits of RUS Borrowers; GAGAS Amendments" (RIN0572-AB62) received on January 17, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-377. A communication from the Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "7 CFR Part 1744, Post-Loan Policies and Procedures Common to Guaranteed and Insured Loans" (RIN0572-AB48) received on January 17, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-378. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of Policy and Program Development, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Change in Disease Status of the Republic of South Africa Because of Foot-and-Mouth Disease" (Docket No. 00-122-1) received on January 23, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-379. A communication from the Acting General Counsel, Office of Management and Budget, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Prompt Payment" (5 CFR 1315) received on December 19, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-380. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Benefit Payments Under Certain District of Columbia Retirement Plans" (31 CFR 29) received on January 4, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-381. A communication from the Director of the Office of Personnel Policy, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Retirement Benefits Under Certain District of Columbia Retirement Plans" (31 CFR 29) received on January 5, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-382. A communication from the Director of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report related to peacekeeping policy decision-making; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-383. A communication from the Deputy Special Counsel of Planning and Advice Division, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Amendment: Change of Official Mailing Address" (5 CFR 1800, 1820, 1830, and 1850) received on January 5, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-384. A communication from the Chief Operating Officer, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the revised Annual Performance Plan for fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-385. A communication from the Secretary of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of surplus real property for educational institutions; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-386. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of surplus real property for public health; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-387. A communication from the Chief Counsel for the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's report under the Government in the Sunshine Act for calendar year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-388. A communication from the Secretary of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report concerning internal controls and financial systems for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-389. A communication from the Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Electronic Purchasing and Payment in the Federal Government—Update 200"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-390. A communication from the Chairman of the Federal Election Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the internal, accounting, and management control systems for fiscal year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-391. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "VISAS: Documentation of Immigrants—International Broadcasters" (22 CFR 42) received on January 5, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-392. A communication from the Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning loans and guarantees under the Arms Export Control Act as of September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-393. A communication from the Acting Director of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report containing analysis of service for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-394. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning the activities of the Trade and Development Agency

with respect to the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-395. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report concerning Turkmenistan and the Republic of Tajikistan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-396. A communication from the Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Waivers of Rights and Claims; Tender Back of Consideration" (RIN3046-AA68) received on January 5, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-397. A communication from the Acting Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "State Vocational Rehabilitation Services Program (Extended Employment/Outcome)" (RIN1820-AB52) received on January 23, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-398. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on appropriations legislation; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-399. A communication from the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Sequestration Update Report for Fiscal Year 2001; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975 as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Governmental Affairs; the Judiciary; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Small Business; Veterans' Affairs; Intelligence; Indian Affairs; and Rules and Administration.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted:

By Mr. MURKOWSKI for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Gale Ann Norton, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.

(The above nomination was reported with the recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 161. A bill to establish the Violence Against Women Office within the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 162. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a business credit

against income for the purchase of fishing safety equipment; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. TORRICELLI):

S. 163. A bill to amend certain Federal civil rights statutes to prevent the involuntary application of arbitration to claims that arise from unlawful employment discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex national origin, age, or disability, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. 164. A bill to prepare tomorrow's teachers to use technology through pre-service and in-service training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DORGAN:

S. 165. A bill to amend the Agriculture Market Transition Act to increase loan rates for marketing assistance loans for each of the 2001 and 2002 crops, to make nonrecourse marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments available to producers of dry peas, lentils, chickpeas, and rye, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 166. A bill to limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of Federal surplus body armor to State and local law enforcement agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. AL-LARD, Mr. BROWNBAC, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 167. A bill to allow a State to combine certain funds to improve the academic achievement of all its students; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself and Mr. HAGEL):

S. 168. A bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Kazakhstan; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 169. A bill to provide Federal reimbursement for indirect costs relating to the incarceration of illegal criminal aliens and for emergency health services furnished to undocumented aliens; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. REID (for himself, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. SHELBY, Ms. SNOWE, and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. 170. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 171. A bill to repeal certain travel provisions with respect to Cuba and certain trade sanctions with respect to Cuba, Iran, Libya, North Korea, and Sudan, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SMITH of Oregon:

S. 172. A bill to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 173. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose a windfall profits adjustment on the production of domestic electricity and to use the resulting revenues to fund rebates for individual and business electricity consumers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BOND, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. CLELAND, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. KOHL, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 174. A bill to amend the Small Business Act with respect to the microloan program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 175. A bill to establish a national uniform poll closing time and uniform treatment of absentee ballots in Presidential general elections; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON:

S. 176. A bill to reform the financing of Federal elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. KOHL, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MILLER, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. REID, Mr. TORRICELLI, and Mr. WARNER):

S. Con. Res. 3. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that a commemorative postage stamp should be issued in honor of the U.S.S. Wisconsin and all those who served aboard her; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 161. A bill to establish the Violence Against Women Office within the Department of Justice; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, today I am introducing legislation to make the Violence Against Women Office a permanent office in the Department of Justice. After the passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994, the U.S. Department of Justice administratively created the Violence Against Women Office. Over time, the office's duties and responsibilities have included administering Violence Against Women Act grant programs, providing technical assistance and training to improve justice system responses in communities across the country, and providing leadership in developing the Administration's policies on violence against women. Led by a Presidentially-appointed Director, the Violence Against Women Office has had an enormous impact on social attitudes in this country about the nature